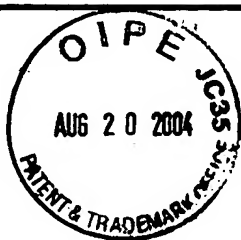


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Respectfully submitted,

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

All right, title, and interest in the above-identified patent application has been assigned to **MeadWestvaco Corporation**, from the inventors, Dana Marie Walker, Edward Paul Busam and Stephen Donald Wehmeyer, by the Assignment filed in the above-identified application (a copy of which is attached hereto).

The undersigned, as Assistant Secretary of MeadWestvaco Corporation, has reviewed the evidentiary documents for the above-identified patent application and hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, all right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified application is in MeadWestvaco Corporation, the party seeking to take this action.

On behalf of Assignee and owner of the above-identified U.S. patent application, by assignment, MeadWestvaco Corporation hereby appoints the following attorneys associated with Customer Number 27,805:

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I, John J. Carrara, declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**MeadWestvaco Corporation**

Date: August 12, 2004

By:   
John J. Carrara  
Assistant Secretary

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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Dana Marie Walker**, of the City of Dayton, County of Montgomery and State of Ohio, **Edward Paul Busam**, of the City of Mason, County of Warren and State of Ohio; and **Stephen Donald Wehmeyer**, of the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, invented certain new and useful **NOTEBOOK WITH WIRE GUARD** (Docket No. 100041-41193) for which I/we executed an application for letters patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, **MeadWestvaco Corporation**, a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at One High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut 06905, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, any application claiming priority therefrom, any non-provisionals, divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I/we hereby agree that, upon request, I/we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of March, 2004.

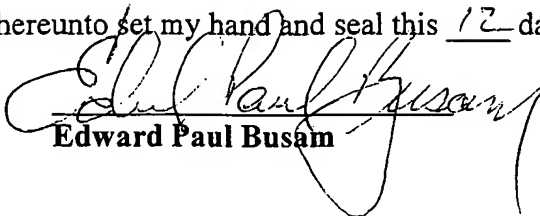
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STATE OF OHIO           )  
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On this 12th day of March, 2004, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named, **Dana Marie Walker** personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

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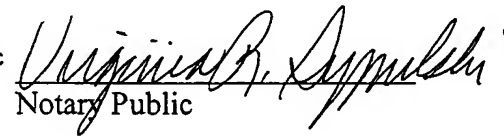
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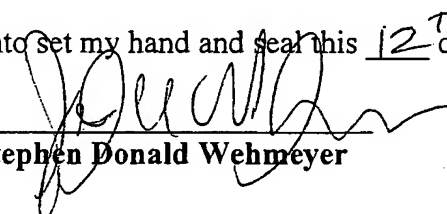
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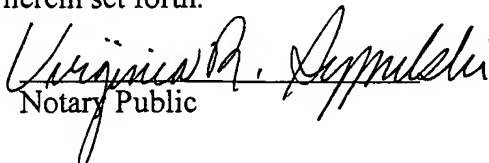
  
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Stephen Donald Wehmeyer

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